

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words to Leave By

Hymn 134 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

Postlude Variation on a Breton Noel Stamm
 Sharon Kitzis, Flute

Ushers: Christine Haddad & Vern Hackworth

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May the joy of Christmas and a Happy New Year follow each of you! Those who need a church home are welcome here all through the year.

Westhampton Presbyterian Church



on Quioque

Founded 1742



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service 5:00 p.m.
December 24, 2021

Please silence all cell phones.

**Please stand as able.*

Prelude “Sing We Now of Christmas”

Duet: Betsy Doyle, Piano & Kamilla Ozman, Organ

Words of Welcome

Celebration of Christmas Bells

Introit “While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep” Arr. Jungst

***Call to Worship:**

One: Good news! Great joy!

All: Jesus Christ is born!

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All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

***Hymn 133** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELES

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Castro Family

The Prophecy; Isaiah 9: 2-7

Response: *In Memoriam*, a poem by Lord Alfred Tennyson

Solo: “Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion (Messiah)” Handel
Emma Ozman, Soprano

The Announcement—Luke 1:26-35, 38

Response: **Hymn 145** “What Child is This?”

A Time for Children— “Jingle Bells” (with a twist!)

CHORUS: He is born, he is born, Jesus Christ is born! It’s the time to celebrate that Jesus Christ is born! He is born, he is born, Jesus Christ is born! Merry Christmas everyone, for Jesus Christ is born!

Long, long time ago the people had a hope to see Messiah come; God’s special promised one; then the angels came to say that he was born that day, the shepherds went to tell the news that Jesus Christ had come.

CHORUS

It was long ago, but even if that’s so, I know he came for me, to die and set me free. So now I will rejoice, and lift my hands and voice; proclaim the news to everyone that Jesus Christ has come!

CHORUS

The Birth of Jesus—Luke 2:1-7

Response: **Solo:** Christmas Hymn Adolphe Adam
Emma Ozman, Soprano

The Shepherd’s Visit—Luke 2:8-20

Response: **Hymn 113** “Angels We Have Heard on High”

***Prayer of Confession in Unison:**

Holy God, you have come among us in Jesus Christ, hallowing our humanity and embodying our love. We confess that we have turned from the path Jesus has marked, failing to claim all you intend for us, withholding love from our neighbors and ourselves. Forgive us. Be born anew in us, that our lives might reflect Christ’s radiant light.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anthem “On Christmas Night” Burrows

The Wise Men are Led by a Star—Matthew 2: 1-12

Response: *A Christmas Carol*—a poem by Sara Teasdale

Thanking God through the Offering

***Doxology No. 606** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Solo: “Starry Night” Stam
Sharon Kitzis, Flute

The Son of God—John 1:1-15

Response: **Hymn 122** “Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright ‘round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.